

the medical profession must at all times be taken as fully as possible into our confidence.

Equally important and fundamental as the active support of the physicians is the matter of education of the public in sanitary subjects. An active campaign in this direction should be entered into as soon as the details for its successful working can be arranged. Such a campaign includes public lectures, the distribution of special articles written in popular style and dealing with important sanitary subjects, and, lastly, though unquestionably the most important of all, the securing of the public press as our ally in our work. Diseases, even in their most common forms, are commonly regarded as preventable, and are largely due to ignorance, and as the public becomes more and more enlightened on these subjects not only will they be better able to protect themselves against disease but they will also be found ready to co-operate intelligently with us in our own efforts.

**Financial Support.**

The need of abundant financial support of the Health Department is self-evident. Lack of such support in the past has been a most serious handicap and is one which no board of health can hope to work against. The prominent places which have been given to this phase of the subject in the recent debates on the favor of the health department, and the necessity of this necessity upon our city fathers that they will find upon ready to meet promptly all reasonable demands which we shall make upon them. A reputation for healthfulness and the protection of the physical welfare of its citizens is one of the most valuable assets which a community can possess and requires many times over the cost of securing it.

One of the most significant advances in municipal sanitation during recent years, which have been so full of advance, is the recognition of the necessity of research into the special sanitary problems to be solved in each community. Each city has its own peculiar climatic, industrial and sociological conditions, and these must be carefully studied before a full understanding can be had of its sanitary needs and the methods of meeting them with the maximum efficiency and at the minimum cost. The influence of our negro population upon the health of Richmond is an illustration of this. Investigations of this kind should be entered into systematically and directed with intelligent recognition of their importance.

The only specific recommendation of the health department is that the Health Department secure, if possible, the entire suite of rooms in the City Hall recently occupied by the Corporation Commission, and that the department be transferred to its new quarters as speedily as practicable. I conceive that no difficulty will be encountered in having these rooms assigned to the Health Department, since this was already consented to last winter by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings and by the City Engineer, but was not accepted by the Board of Health on account of objections which have been recently outweighed by the many advantages of the move.

**Will Have His Help.**

When Dr. Levy concluded his remarks, which seemed to meet with the approval of all, there were informal suggestions as to many matters, but most of them were deferred until the next meeting. It is the purpose of the department to have the sanitary officers wear uniforms and steps will be taken along this line at the next meeting.

At the end of the session Dr. Oppenheimer said that he would cheerfully render Dr. Levy all possible assistance under having these rooms assigned to the department and its duties, and the new health officer was asked to outline some rules for the government of the department, to be considered later. Dr. Levy will take active charge of the entire department this morning.

## BEIT, LONG SICK, DIES IN LONDON

(Continued from First Page.)

Early in 1903 Mr. Beit had an apoplectic stroke while at Johannesburg and it appears that he never fully regained his health. Since that time he has lived in London.

Mr. Beit was at one time alleged to be forming a "gold trust," in which the names of prominent American financiers were mentioned. He gave large sums of money to the Red Cross and other institutions, and recently donated \$500,000 to found a university at Hamburg.

## OBITUARY.

**Mrs. Rebecca J. Holdcroft.**

News reached the city yesterday of the death early in the morning of Mrs. Rebecca Judkins Holdcroft, widow of J. E. Holdcroft, of Charles City county, Va. In the passing of this lady death has removed one of the oldest and certainly one of the most respected members of the community in which she had lived for fifty-six years.

Mrs. Holdcroft was born in Surry county, Va., in 1821. At the age of twenty she united with Moore Swamp Baptist Church, having been baptized by the pastor, Rev. Putnam Owen, and in 1848 she moved to Petersburg, and united with the Market Street Baptist Church, that city, by letter. Her marriage to Mr. J. E. Holdcroft, a prosperous merchant and a most useful citizen of Charles City county, took place November 1, 1850. Shortly after her marriage and removal to Charles City she united with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, where her membership remained until her death.

Her husband died some years ago at a ripe old age, respected by all and honored and loved by those who knew him intimately. His and her life were so closely connected with that of their church that the history of one would be the history of the other.

Mrs. Holdcroft is survived by the following children: Sergeant S. W. Holdcroft, of the Richmond Police Department; Mr. C. J. Hines and Mrs. W. T. Martin, both of Charles City county. Numerous connections and friends mourn her death as a personal loss.

The funeral will take place from her late residence this afternoon, and the interment will be made beside her husband in the family burying ground.

## Rev. T. H. Campbell.

The Rev. T. H. Campbell, of the West Amherst Methodist Church, died at his home near Lynchburg Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Campbell was born in Amherst county December 18, 1828. He was the son of Lewis S. and Eliza D. Campbell. He served with distinction through the Civil War in Pickett's Division. He was first under fire at Manassas, was wounded in the head at Williamsburg, and had his thigh shattered with a ball at Gettysburg, while fighting in the trenches of the enemy.

Mr. Campbell joined the church in 1858. He was licensed in March, 1861. Having exercised his gifts as a local preacher in his native county until 1872, he had since gained almost as great a prominence as in the love and esteem of all who knew him. He was at one time presiding

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elder of the Murfreesboro District. The "Rosebud Missionary Society," so named, is a Methodist society, was instituted among the children of Mr. Campbell, and takes its name from his daughter, called "Rosebud." In Mr. Campbell the Methodist Church loses one of its oldest landmarks.

**Miss Susan Ann Bowery.**

Miss Susan Ann Bowery died at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the home for incurables. She was ninety-four years of age. The funeral took place from the home at 4 o'clock yesterday.

**Mr. D. P. Shields.**

News has been received in this city of the death in Memphis of Mr. D. P. Shields, father of Mrs. John D. Potts and Mrs. John A. Cullen, both of whom are well known in Richmond. Mrs. Cullen, who has been visiting here, left yesterday for Louisville, where the funeral will take place.

**Mrs. L. H. Fox.**

Mrs. L. H. Fox died yesterday morning at 3:40 o'clock at her home, 1411 West Clay Street. She is survived by a brother and six children.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

## Dr. N. B. Gay.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

JOHN L. GAY, July 16.—Dr. N. B. Gay, for some years in declining health, died today in the eightieth year of his age at his late residence, "The Rectory," near this place. He gave up the active practice of his profession many years ago, and gave his closing years with matchless devotion to the care of his wife, in which with all the cheerfulness of the old Virginia gentleman, he loved to welcome his many friends.

Of the fifth generation in direct descent from Pocahontas, and a man of strong convictions and unwavering fidelity to what he conceived to be right, the tidings of his death came as a shock throughout the State, evoking of sincere sorrow.

Dr. Gay is survived by his wife, three sisters, three sons, two daughters and fourteen grandchildren. His sisters are Misses Pocahontas and Ann Gay, of Baske City, and Mrs. Martha Perkins of Richmond, Va.

His children, all of whom, were at his bedside when the end came, are William B. Gay, of Richmond, Va.; N. B. Gay, of Birmingham, Ala.; Bolling Gay, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Dr. Gaston, of Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. Edward McGarvey, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The doctor was not a member of the church, but confessed his faith in his last illness, and died trusting in Him for salvation.

## Captain O. G. Delk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SMITHFIELD, VA., July 16.—Captain O. G. Delk, for many years master of one of the Old Dominion Steamship Company's steamers plying between Smithfield and Norfolk, a most popular and efficient officer, died at his residence on Church Street Sunday morning.

His funeral took place today from the Episcopal Church, attended by the R. E. Lee Camp, No. 4, of Confederate Veterans, the Masonic fraternity and a host of relatives and friends.

## VIRGINIA BRIEFS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHLAND, VA., July 16.—The Post-office Department has established a new rural free delivery route from here known as No. 3. This route, however, will not be open for service until September. The route will take in the territory south-west of Ashland.

ROANOKE, VA., July 16.—State Highway Commissioner Wilson informed the Board of Supervisors of Norfolk county today that the conviction of the State could assist those of Norfolk county in the construction of a boulevard from Norfolk city to the Jamestown Exposition grounds. This will insure a magnificent highway from the city to the exposition grounds. Work on the boulevard will commence about August 15th.

WINCHESTER, VA., July 16.—Fire last night destroyed a barn and its contents belonging to M. C. Leach, at Bayard, Warren county. The loss will be five thousand dollars.

## Will Go to Buckroe.

The Young Men's Society of Bethlehem Lutheran Church has elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, W. H. Kindervater; vice-president, Paul Miller; secretary, August Noller; treasurer, John Herold; sergeant-at-arms, Rudolph Herold.

The society is arranging for an excursion to Buckroe Beach on July 18th, and it is hoped that a large percentage of the members will take advantage of the trip. The organization is in a very flourishing condition, and now has a large number of members.

## DEATHS.

FOX.—Died, Monday, 2:45 A. M., at her residence, 111 West Clay Street, Mrs. L. H. FOX. She is survived by six children and one brother.

Funeral will take place WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock from the residence.

## MARRIAGES.

VOLEKERTS-SOUTHERN.—Married, Fallon, Nevada, on 6th July EDNA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Volekerts, of St. Clair, Nevada, to H. H. SOUTHERN, of Fallon, Nevada.

## LIGHT PLANT IS PROBABLY DEAD

Will Not Get Through Present Session—Dabney and Blair Again Lock Horns.

## MATTER GOES ON THE TABLE

Mr. Dabney Makes Another Fight for Municipal Ownership of Electric Lights.

The Finance Committee was presented last night with the option of adopting the plan of ownership of an electric plant for municipal purposes only as suggested and asked for by Alderman W. T. Dabney, who outlined his scheme with a long array of facts and statistics, and in a most forcible argument. That it failed of recommendation by the committee was not due, it would appear, to any opposition based merely upon the merits of the scheme, but because the committee wished to wait to see what bids would be made for lighting the city.

It was this very delay against which Mr. Dabney fought most strenuously and which he feared. He bent all his energy toward speaking for the urgency and necessity of the proposition, showing by an almost unbroken array of statistics that even though the Virginia Passenger and Power Company reduced the cost per acre light \$10, or even \$20, by the issuance of \$325,000 of bonds, the result would really be cheaper, and in five years \$130,000 could be paid back to the city.

## The Disadvantages.

If the matter were delayed, he claimed, the city would be at the mercy of private interests in the matter of lighting, when, on the other hand, if the plant be established and owned by the municipality the city would be better lighted, and would, in the end, save a considerable amount of money. In support of his plan for municipal ownership Mr. Dabney said that the city owns property, valued at \$250,000, which is available only for this purpose, and making use of this property for lighting purposes the city must issue bonds for about \$325,000, entailing an expense at four per cent, of \$13,000; redemption at one per cent, per cent, \$4,375; operating expenses, \$25,000; or \$42,375 altogether. This total expense, interest and redemption, he said, is less than the cost of the present private city have to pay for lighting its streets if 500 lamps could be installed.

## Many More Figures.

He said the company cannot or will not install as many as seven hundred lights, though the Committee on Light has been begging and urging for this number for several years. He showed that the difference in annual output of the city's revenue amounts to \$31,497.50, which, if invested at 3 per cent, compound interest, would in nine years, amount to \$329,341.50. Treating this item of savings as an earning account, the results would show savings each year, \$1,457.50; redemption funds, \$16,750; or a total available for investment of \$38,107.50. This installation would provide, pay, the operating expenses, maintenance, interest and redemption of the electric plant, and also the interest and redemption of \$303,000 of bonds, and the city would be better lighted, and the streets, alleys and public buildings free of cost.

## Mr. Blair Wins Out.

Mr. Dabney was very impassioned in his plea for a municipal plant, and asked that the committee recommend it and let it go to the Council, so that the responsibility of taking up or turning down the scheme would rest on the shoulders of that body.

Mr. Blair moved as a substitute that the matter be tabled until the Pollard resolutions, which have been passed by the Board, be concurred in by the other branch of the Council. He was in favor of waiting to see what a proposition would be advanced by the Business and Power Company, which he thought might be more favorable and less expensive than the municipal ownership scheme.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion, and resulted:

Ayes—Messrs. Grundy, Blair, Spence, Wain and Cottrell.

Noes—Mr. Dabney—1.

## NORFOLK CONCERN WINS.

Armitage & Co. Loses City Contract for Gas Tar.

The W. C. Armitage Company, which for many years has held the contract to purchase the city gas house tax, lost out last night to Mr. John Whitehead, of Norfolk, who represents a bit of the block concern. The award was made upon competitive bids, and Mr. Whitehead's was the lowest. The bids were as follows:

Armitage—\$1 per barrel for one year; \$1.25 per barrel for two years.

Whitehead—\$1 per barrel for one year; \$1.37 1/2 per barrel for two years.

A motion was made to accept the latter offer of Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Wain moved as a substitute that the one year bid of the Armitage Company be accepted. The substitute was rejected and the original motion adopted—ayes, 6; noes, 3.

The members expressed their preference for a home concern had the bids been equal.

Messrs. D. C. Richardson and John R. Welsh represented the Armitage Company, and Attorney Gregory looked after Mr. Whitehead's interests.

## Health Committee.

The Committee on Health last night received a report from Superintendent Cohn, of the Street Cleaning Department, that he had detailed S. T. Parkinson as clerk, to perform the duties heretofore performed by Mr. James E. O'Grady, who has been elected clerk of the new Board of Health. Dr. Williams made a motion, which was adopted, providing for the appointment of a subcommittee, whose duty it shall be to look into all details necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of the Committee on Health in the future. Dr. Williams and Messrs. Donahoe and Umlauf were named as members of this committee.

The committee refused to reconsider the award of the paper contract, which was

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let to V. A. Pagan over D. H. Hay at the last meeting.

## Copied Almshouse.

The Committee on Poor last night received and adopted the report of the subcommittee regarding the location of the proposed copied almshouse, and bids will be asked for plans and specifications. The location is to be below the hill on the lot of the white almshouse, near the Seaboard Air Line tracks.

The building will cost something like \$2,000.

The committee adopted an ordinance putting the physicians and the poor under the control of the health board.

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## PLAN BIG HUNT IN VIRGINIA VALLEY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 16.—If the tentative plans of A. Henry Higginson, master of the Middlesex Hunt, and of Virginia huntersmen are carried out the Middlesex hounds will be taken South during the coming season for an allied hunt with the Piedmont Valley and Loudoun county hunts. It is understood that Mr. Higginson will go South soon to look over the ground and complete arrangements for his visit later in the year. If the proposition is favorably received on all sides, it is proposed to hunt in the Piedmont Valley six days in the week—three with the Middlesex Hunt's English pack, and three with the local American hounds.

## Ice Men Not Guilty.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., July 16.—The trial of several ice dealers in Jacksonville on the charge of combining to raise the price of ice, contrary to law, resulted today in a verdict of not guilty of criminal intent to defraud. This verdict was reached after one of the hardest legal fights in the history of the State.

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## FIGHTING STILL, WITH PEACE NEAR

Guatemala Opposing Salvador and Honduras at Four Points in Two States.

## WILLING TO LAY DOWN ARMS

American Warship to Be Used as Meeting Place for Peace Commissioners.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN SALVADOR, July 16.—Guatemala is fighting Salvador and Honduras at four points on Guatemalan and Honduran territory. Both sides fight bravely with uncertain results.

(By Associated Press.)

PANAMA, July 16.—President Cabrera's plan seems to be to attack Salvador by the Guatemalan and Honduran fronts, concentrating his efforts on the Honduras side as to enable General Rivas, the Salvadoran, who has taken part with Guatemala, and who is in command of a division, to enter the Eastern Salvadoran provinces, where he enjoys much prestige, in order that he may start a revolution there against President Escalon, of Salvador.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The Navy Department was informed this afternoon by cablegram from Commander Mulligan of the arrival of his ship, the Marblehead, at LaLibera on Panama, which port he left last Friday night. Before sailing Commander Mulligan was instructed by the Navy Department to report to the American minister, Mr. Combs, at LaLibera, who is the port Combs, who is detained at Champerico, awaiting next Friday's steamer, Mr. Brown, the American secretary and charge in Salvador, will communicate with Commander Mulligan and that officer will place his ship at the disposal of the American legation, so that Mr. Brown will be in a position to carry out the instructions which were cabled him today from Washington to proffer to the governments of Salvador and Guatemala the use of this American warship as a place of meeting for the peace commissioners. It is stated that neither Minister Merry nor Messrs. Combs and Brown will act in the capacity of a peace commissioner to either country; they are charged simply as good friends to both parties to endeavor to bring the hostilities to a friendly relations without further loss of blood.

This is not the first time the deck of a United States man-of-war has been the scene of a peace conference. The Marletta was thus employed six or eight years ago in bringing about peace between Costa Rica and Salvador; the Philadelphia played a similar part at Panama during the revolution there about ten years ago, and more recently Commander Dillingham brought the Mont Christ insurgents and the Dominican government's agents together off Mont Christ, in the Gulf of Mexico, to develop the day, aside from the offer of the Marblehead, was an assurance to the State Department from President Cabrera that Guatemala would refrain from further hostilities if Salvador would undertake to do the same, which was promptly communicated to Minister Merry at San Salvador, in order that he might transmit the proposition to the government at that place.

Another point developed was that Salvador and Honduras had entered into an alliance, the nature of which is not certainly known, but it is believed to agree upon the terms of peace that shall be proposed by the two countries to Guatemala. Still another cablegram, this one from Minister Merry, informed the State Department that the government of Honduras insisted upon being concerned along with Salvador in the peace negotiations with Guatemala.

## Had Free-for-All.

Johnston Gentry, Aubrey Toller, Ernest King, Ben Harris and Jack Briggs got in a fight at Cary and Washington streets Saturday night, and were landed in the First Police Station last night by Sergeant Brown and Patrolman J. H. Hatcher, on a warrant sworn out by one of the party. They all gave bail for appearance in court to-day.

## Soldiers' Encampment.

Every member of F. Company, Seventh (Virginia) Regiment, is requested to be present at the drill to-night and the business meeting afterwards, as there is to be an important discussion of a camping trip which it has been proposed that the company take. The company is to take it week-end and go out for a practice march, taking their shelter tents with them, the meeting to-night is to arrange for the date.

## INTENSE HEAT FELT PREVAILS IN STATE

Thermometer Registered Ninety Degrees at Three o'Clock.

The thermometer registered 90 degrees at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the temperature hung closely about that mark during the entire day. But the great humidity made the heat so much more intense that everybody complained of the atmospheric pressure.

The humidity has been above the average for the past week, and the skies do not promise to clear up until about Wednesday, when it is expected that a warm, dry spell will set in, to make up for the unusual coolness which has existed and the amount of rain which has fallen.

## CAMPS AT DOORS OF PENITENTIARY

(By Associated Press.)

JOHNETT, ILL., July 16.—Louis A. Gourdain arrived in Joilet to-day from Chicago, accompanied by his wife and son. His baggage was labeled penitentiary annex, corner nearest the penitentiary and prepared to establish his family in quarters outside the gates of the institution. He left this afternoon for Washington to plead with the United States Supreme Court that the penitentiary sentence hanging over him be enforced. If he fails in his effort Gourdain said today he would build a prison here and immure himself.